AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-14 (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) In combination, a heat activated expandable sealant and a flow control agent on at least a portion of the surface of said sealant, said combination ~~adapted to seal~~ overlying a gap or cavity in a ~~component~~ substrate; wherein said heat activated expandable sealant ~~melts and flows upon heating~~ has been heated to a temperature sufficient to cause said sealant to flow into and ~~bridge~~ seal said gap or cavity; and wherein said heat activated expandable sealant has a melt flow rate which is higher than the melt flow rate of said flow control agent.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 15 wherein said flow control agent comprises polyvinyl acetate.

18. (Original) The combination of claim 15 wherein said heat activated expandable sealant is in the form of an extruded sheet or thermoformed part.

19. (Currently amended) The combination of claim 15 wherein~~, upon heating,~~ said heat activated expandable sealant with said flow control agent exhibits less sagging than a heat activated expandable sealant without said flow control agent.

20. (Cancelled)

21.(Currently amended) The combination of claim 15 wherein said heat activated expandable sealant and said flow control agent [[are]] have been heated to a temperature between about 250°F to 400°F ~~such that said sealant flows into said gap or cavity~~.

22. (cancelled)

23. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 15 wherein said flow control agent is in the form of a mesh or film.

24. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 15 wherein said flow control agent is in the form of a dry coating.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently amended) In combination, a heat activated expandable sealant and a flow control agent on at least a portion of the surface of said sealant, said combination ~~adapted to seal~~ overlying a gap or cavity in a ~~component~~ substrate; wherein said heat activated expandable sealant includes a blowing agent and said sealant ~~melts and flows upon heating~~ has been heated to a temperature sufficient to cause said sealant to flow into and ~~bridge~~ seal said gap or cavity; and wherein said heat activated expandable sealant has a melt flow rate which is higher than the melt flow rate of said flow control agent.

27.(cancelled)

28.(Currently amended) The combination of claim [[1]] 26 wherein said sealant ~~and flow control agent comprise a~~ is in the form of a thermoformed part.

29. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 28 wherein said thermoformed part comprises a pocket sealer.

30. (Currently amended) In combination, a heat activated expandable sealant and a flow control agent on at least a portion of the surface of said sealant, said flow control agent comprising polyvinyl acetate, said combination ~~adapted to seal~~ overlying and sealing a gap or cavity in a ~~component~~ substrate; wherein said heat activated expandable sealant has a melt flow rate which is higher than the melt flow rate of said flow control agent.

31. (Currently amended) In combination, a heat activated expandable sealant in the form of a thermoformed part and a flow control agent on at least a portion of the surface of said sealant, said combination ~~adapted to seal~~ overlying and sealing a gap or cavity in a ~~component~~ substrate; said heat activated expandable sealant having a melt flow rate which is higher than the melt flow rate of said flow control agent.

32.(New) A combination consisting essentially of a heat activated expandable sealant and a flow control agent on at least a portion of the surface of said sealant, said combination overlying and sealing a gap or cavity in substrate; wherein said heat activated expandable sealant has a melt flow rate which is higher than the melt flow rate of said flow control agent.